

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF MARCH 24TH, 1936.

The Board of Public Works met in the offices of the Governor, State House, Annapolis, Maryland, on Tuesday, March 24th, 1936, at 2 o'clock, P.M.

Present:

Harry W. Nice, Governor.
Wm. S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller.
Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer.

Mr. Wm. H. Blakeman, State Budget Director, attended the meeting.

The following letter from Mr. Elmer E. Hammond, State Engineer, dated March 17th, 1936, was read and considered -

UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND
College Park

March 17, 1936.

The Board of Public Works,
Union Trust Building,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Attention of Mr. Wm. H. Blakeman,
Budget Director.

Gentlemen:-

The heating equipment at the University of Maryland, College Park is now composed of two 400 H.P. boilers, which were ample at the time of installation, for heating the buildings at this institution.

Since the installation of the above mentioned boilers, new buildings have been erected which are taxing these boilers to their limit. In fact, they have all they can do during the winter months with both boilers running at full capacity to carry their heating load. This does not give them any reserve and, therefore, they cannot be opened for cleaning and inspection during the cold period. Also, should one boiler break down, it is a question as to whether the remaining boiler could furnish enough steam to the buildings in such quantities as to prevent the radiators from freezing and doing untold damage. If one of these boilers were to break, or go out of operation in cold weather, the University would be compelled to close down for that period of time.

I would recommend the installation of an additional boiler of modern design with a capacity of 600 H.P., and this installation made at the earliest possible time in order that it could be placed in service before the next heating season.

This additional boiler would be equipped with modern appliances, and would give ample capacity for the normal growth of this institution over a period of fifteen years.

The present boiler plant has been handicapped by being compelled to use water directly from the water mains without treatment. This no doubt causes scale and pitting of tubes, therefore cutting down the efficiency of the present boilers.

I recommend the installation of water softener and treating equipment. As the entire water supply of this institution is dependent upon a single water main, it is our recommendation to install a reserve water supply, which would carry the boilers over the break down period, should this occur in the present water main.

The cost of the above-mentioned installation which would place the institution in a safe working condition and assure the operation of this institution the whole year through, would require an appropriation of \$65,000. This money would not be needed until the work was well under way, which would be in about four months from the date the contract was let. This installation should effect a considerable saving in heating costs.

Sincerely.

/s/ Elmer E. Hammond,
State Engineer.

APPROVED:

/s/ H. C. Byrd,
President.

The Board agreed to make available to the University of Maryland the sum of \$65,000.00 payable out of grant money to be received in connection with construction work being done at State Institutions at the present time, if and when this money is received. It is to be understood that the money is to be earmarked but that the University is not to make commitments until after the grant money has been received and is in hand, after which, any contracts to be made by the University of Maryland for the work are to be subject to the approval of the Board of Public Works.

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The Governor stated that the roof of the garage on Bladen Street is in need of a coating of tar or asphalt and asked authority from the Board to have this work done, payment to be made out of the appropriation in the Board of Public Works Budget for Repairs and Replacements.

The Board approved the request.

The Governor also stated that there was some old furniture stored in the garage which was of no further use, and that he would like to have authority for the superintendent of buildings to sell this old furniture and to turn the proceeds from the sale into the State Treasury.

The request of the Governor was approved.

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The following letter from Ralph Robinson, Esq., Attorney at Law, Baltimore, dated March 20th, 1936, was read and considered -

RALPH ROBINSON
Attorney at Law
Maryland Trust Bldg.
Baltimore, Md.

March 20th, 1936.

Honorable Harry W. Nice, Governor,
Honorable William S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller,
Honorable Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer,
Constituting the Board of Public Works of
the State of Maryland,
Annapolis, Md.

Attention Joseph O'C. McCusker,
Esq., Sec'y.

Dear Sirs:-

I am enclosing herewith a petition of The Baltimore and Eastern Railroad Company for approval of plans affecting the draw-bridge over Kent Narrows, in Queen Anne's County, under Section 217 of Article 23 of the Public General Laws of Maryland.

Under what may be considered as a rather technical construction put upon this Section by the War Department of the Federal Government, the repairs cannot be made unless approved by the Board of Public Works, inasmuch as the repairs will result in a decrease in the opening provided by the original specifications, although such decrease amounts to only one foot six inches. May I request favorable action by the Board of Public Works as expeditiously as possible, in order that the repairs may be gotten under way? Attached to the petition is an order in prescribed form. When this order has been duly passed and executed, may I request that one original and three copies of the same be certified by the proper official -, so that the same may be duly delivered to the officials of the United States Government who are concerned with this transaction.

Yours very truly,

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Incl.

/s/ Ralph Robinson.

The petition mentioned in the letter, together with blueprints of the proposed work, were submitted to the Board.

After due consideration, the Board approved the petition.

The following letter from Mr. V. Howard Ford, whose father, Henry Ford, lately deceased, was a Confederate Veteran, was read and considered-

Baltimore, Md.
March 14th, 1936.

Mr. Jos. O'C. McCusker,
Chief Deputy Comptroller,
State of Maryland,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Sir:-

As instructed by Miss Harriette Kearfott, of the State Board of Aid and Charities, I am enclosing bill, in duplicate, covering expenses due to illness and death of my father, Henry Ford, who died March 1st, 1936, and who was receiving a pension from the Confederate Veterans Fund.

These expenses were paid by my sister, who has been receiving his pension checks for his care.

I would appreciate your advising me what action will be taken in this regard.

I understand from Miss Kearfott that she has discussed this case with you.

Respectfully,

/s/ V. Howard Ford.

22 E. Preston St.

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Baltimore, Md.
March 14th, 1936.

To Miss Mary Lucille Ford,

Covering expenses incurred by the illness and death of her father, Henry Ford, who died March 1st, 1936 - and who had been receiving a pension from the Confederate Veterans Fund

Funeral (Cook)	\$155.00
Dr. Larner	36.00
Dr. Howard Smith	10.00
Nurses	38.00
Medicines	4.95
	<u>\$243.95</u>

22 E. Preston St.

The Board approved the payment of the expenses covered by the bill in the amount of \$243.95, payment to be made out of the amount remaining in the appropriation for the maintenance of the Confederate Veterans for the fiscal year 1936. Provision had been made for the maintenance of Mr. Ford for this fiscal year at the rate of \$10.00 a week, and practically one-half of this, or practically one-half was used for his maintenance for the period October 1st, 1935 to March 1st, 1936.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board the correspondence relating to an incident in which one John B. Drisko, 34 W. Baltimore Street, Kensington, Maryland, had with the Maryland State Police because of the fact that he was operating an automobile in Maryland bearing Colorado tags, the time for 1935 licenses having been extended by the State of Colorado, but the State Police not having received official notice of the extension of time.

The Board was of the opinion that Mr. Drisko should be reimbursed for the expenses incurred by him, in the amount of \$30.00, as stated in Mr. Drisko's letter of March 11th, 1936 to the Governor, and authorized the payment of this amount to Mr. Drisko out of the appropriation to the Maryland State Police for the current fiscal year.

The following letter from Spring Grove State Hospital, dated January 31st, 1936, was read and considered -

SPRING GROVE STATE HOSPITAL

Catonsville, Md.

Jan. 31, 1936.

Mr. J. O. McCusker, Secretary,
Board of Public Works,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Sir:-

In the appropriation from the Emergency Bond
Issue of 1935

for the Cottage Group now being erected at this Institution there was an allotment of \$10,000 for equipment. Two thousand dollars of this amount was for modern X-ray equipment for general use in the treatment of all the patients in the Hospital.

The X-ray equipment is badly needed now for the proper treatment of the patients in the Institution.

It is therefore requested that the Board of Public Works grant us permission to purchase the equipment at once, through the Central Purchasing Bureau, with the understanding that it is to be charged against the above mentioned appropriation.

Yours very truly,

/s/ S. W. Weltner,

The Board approved the request of the Hospital.

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The following letter from Springfield State Hospital, dated January 31st, 1936, was read and considered -

SPRINGFIELD STATE HOSPITAL

Sykesville, Maryland.
31 January, 1936.

State Board of Public Works
Union Trust Building,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Gentlemen:-

The State Treasurer has just informed us that there has been received in the Treasury, to the credit of the Board of Public Works, \$680.00. This amount was received from Insurance Companies covering losses at this Hospital on December 27, 1935.

It is requested that the amount mentioned be placed to the credit of our Appropriation 1936 under item no. 60. The property destroyed by fire was 800 sheets and 400 pillow cases, these were replaced from our stock on hand, which will be replenished by our factory.

Very truly yours,
Springfield State Hospital
/s/ A. H. Rehbein, Clerk.

The Board approved the request of the Hospital.

The Board had before it for consideration the file of correspondence involving a claim of F. H. Rohrs, Rosedale, Maryland, Post Office Box No. 385, for damage to his property because of work done by the State Roads Commission. In accordance with previous instructions from the Board, the Secretary had referred the correspondence to the State Roads Commission. The following letter from Mr. L. H. Steuart, Secretary of the Commission, dated February 24th, 1936, was read and considered -

STATE ROADS COMMISSION

February 24th, 1936.

Mr. Jos. O'C. McCusker, Secretary,
Board of Public Works,
Treasury Department,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Mr. McCusker:-

With reference to your recent letters referring to the correspondence and claim of F. H. Rohrs, Rosedale, Maryland, Post Office Box No. 385, would advise that this Commission has given every consideration to the claim made by Mr. Rohrs and on the advice of its Counsel, has voted to refuse payment, as it is of the opinion that there is no liability on its part for payment of damages which Mr. Rohrs claims to have sustained.

I am returning herewith all the correspondence which you referred to me with your letter of January 15.

Very truly yours,

/s/ L. H. Steuart.

Secretary.

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The Board concluded, in view of the report received from the State Roads Commission, that nothing should be done about the claim.

The following letter from Mr. Henry P. Hopkins, Architect, dated February 6th, 1936, was read and considered -

Henry Powell Hopkins,
Architect,
10 E. Mulberry St-
Baltimore, Md.

February 6, 1936.

Mr. Joseph McCusker,
Secretary of the Board of Public Works ,
Comptroller's Office,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Re: Admissions Building,
Eastern Shore State Hospital,
Cambridge, Maryland.

Dear Mr. McCusker-

At the last meeting of the Board of Managers of the Eastern Shore State Hospital, I was requested to secure estimates for the furnishing of a bronze tablet to be placed on the inside of the interior hallway, this tablet to be as a record showing the activities of the interested parties in the building of this building. The cost of this tablet, complete, will be \$145.00 which will be an addition to the contract.

The Board of Managers respectfully requests permission to furnish and install this tablet for the above mentioned sum which will be in addition to the contract that they now have between the Cambridge Brick Company and the Eastern Shore State Hospital.

Respectfully yours,

/s/ Henry P. Hopkins,

Architect.

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CC: Mr. Lewis M. Milbourne, Chairman of the Board
of Managers of the Eastern Shore St. Hospital
Mr. Dorsey Todd, Secretary of the Board of
Managers of the Eastern Shore St. Hospital

The Board approved the request for the purchasing of the tablet in accordance with Mr. Hopkins' letter.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board some correspondence which the Governor had turned over to him in which Mr. C. W. Schaefer, Andover Road, Linthicum Heights, Anne Arundel County, Maryland, requested the Board to take some interest in the matter of establishing a fire department on Smith's Island.

The Board was of the opinion that this was a local matter, and should take no interest in it.

The following letter dated January 20th, 1936, from Henry Powell Hopkins, Architect, relative to Springfield State Hospital, was read and considered -

Henry Powell Hopkins
Architect
10 E. Mulberry St.
Baltimore, Md.

January 29, 1936.

Mr. Joseph O'C. McCusker,
Secretary of the Board of Public Works,
Comptroller's Office,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Mr. McCusker:

Re: New Dormitory Building
Springfield State Hospital
Sykesville, Maryland.
St. File No. Md. 2243

With the additional new building at the Epileptic Colony at the Springfield State Hospital this will increase the capacity of the Hospital to the amount of approximately one hundred patients. The equipment in the kitchen at the present time is inadequate to take care of this increase in population and there is not enough kitchen equipment in the existing kitchen to prepare food for this increase.

The Springfield Hospital has asked me to respectfully request the Board of Public Works authorize the expenditure of an additional sum of \$4,000 which is necessary to take care of additional plumbing, ventilating, and electric wiring for kitchen equipment so that the new building can be used.

I have been requested to respectfully place this matter before the Board of Public Works for their consideration, asking permission to install this necessary work

and ask for a grant from the P.W. A. as their portion of this expenditure.

Respectfully yours,

.s. Henry Powell Hopkins,
Architect.

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The request of the Hospital was approved.

The following letter from Doctor George H. Preston,
Commissioner of Mental Hygiene, relative to Spring Grove
State Hospital, was read and considered -

SPRINGFIELD STATE HOSPITAL

Sykesville, Maryland.
February 10, 1936.

Board of Public Works,
Union Trust Bldg.,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Gentlemen:-

The Board of Managers of Springfield State Hospital has requested me to obtain from you permission to proceed at once with the expenditure of \$17,000, which is the remaining balance of \$45,000 appropriated for power plant equipment and extension to sewerage and water systems and for laundry machinery at Springfield State Hospital by Section 7 of Chapter 131 of the Acts of 1933.

This \$17,000 was made available for new construction in the Epileptic Colony at Springfield by the action of the Board of Public Works as shown in the minutes of the meeting of the Board of Public Works April 10, 1934. The Building for which this \$17,000 was made available has been completed and the \$17,000 was not needed. In round figures the financial statement in regard to this building is as follows;

Original appropriation 1933	\$100,000.00
Diverted from power house fund as above	17,000.00
Federal Public Works Administration Grant	34,000.00
Total	<u>151,000.00</u>
Contract for building	111,216.00
Additional equipment requested	4,000.00

Architect's fee	6,672.00
Resident Inspector	<u>2,250.00</u>
	124,138.00
Approximate balance from all funds	26,000.00
Present request	17,000.00
Approximate balance	9,000.00

From these figures it will be seen that the building will cost the State of Maryland \$91,000 of the appropriated \$100,000 and that about \$9,000 would revert to the State Treasury even if the \$17,000 mentioned above is expended for its original purpose.

The expenditure of this \$17,000 is vitally important to the Hospital in order to prevent serious damage to the present heating lines from corrosion caused by using these heating lines for domestic hot water.

This project has the approval of the State Engineer.

I urgently recommend that this authority be granted at the earliest possible moment.

Very truly yours,

/s/ George H. Preston, M.D.
Commissioner of Mental Hygiene.
For the Board of Managers.

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cc - State Engineer

The request of the Hospital for authority to expend \$17,000.00 for power plant equipment and extension to sewerage and water systems and for laundry machinery, was approved.

The Secretary took up with the Board the question of an adjustment of taxes, in the amount of \$14.25, involved in the purchase of the Herman F. Otten farm located in Howard County by the University of Maryland. It was requested that the Board authorize an abatement of this amount on the books of the Collector of State Taxes for Howard County. The Board was of the opinion, however, that this item of \$14.25, plus interest, if any, should be paid by the University of Maryland out of the appropriation for the purchase of land as one of the items of the settlement, or out of other funds to the credit of the University, and instructed the Secretary to advise the University of Maryland accordingly.

The following letter, addressed to the Governor by the Board of Managers of the Maryland Training School for Colored Girls, at Glen Burnie, was read and considered -

February 24th, 1936.

Honorable Harry W. Nice,
Governor of the State of Maryland,
Baltimore, Maryland.

Dear Sir:-

The Board of Managers of the Maryland Training School for Colored Girls wish to present their findings and recommendations:

- (1) The buildings, which are only two years old, are not waterproof and after a very severe rain eight to ten rooms are unusable.
- (2) The buildings are built normally to care for seventy girls but the maximum capacity has been as high as eighty-one.
- (3) The school is budgeted on the basis of (80) eighty girls, but no provision is made in the budget to take care of the overflow, and this is not sufficient.
- (4) The school facilities are inadequate. There is one room in which two teachers make an effort to teach at the same time. This situation we find very unsatisfactory.
- (5) There is no provision for recreation, especially in the winter time. We have learned that this is due in a large measure to the large number of run-aways.
- (6) There are no isolation rooms for infectious and contagious diseases. Patients suffering from these diseases are housed in the same compartment with healthy children. This is a situation which must be remedied at once.
- (7) There has been no provision made in the budget for a clerk. The Montrose School has three clerks in their office. For the time being we have a clerk on temporary appointment not to exceed thirty days.
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- (9) The law states that the treasurer of the institution shall be bonded for \$10,000.00, but the Board of Public Works says the bond can be \$1,000.00. The Attorney-General has left the matter to our discretion.
- (10) No provision is made in the institution to take care of the mentally deficient inmates.
- * (8) The law says that the city and counties shall pay to the Board of Managers of the institution the sum of \$180.00 per year or that part of the year the girl is in the institution. The City is living up to the law but the counties are not.
- (11) There are only two men in the institution to take care of all the work to be done and neither live on the grounds.
- (12) The dental facilities in the institution are not adequate.

Recommendations:

1. Waterproof buildings so as to make them usable in all kinds of weather.

2. No provision is made to take care of unmarried mothers which could be easily handled with the proper facilities.
3. Add another building having facilities for recreation, an isolation ward, a detention room, psychopathic ward, and dormitory space for the overflow.
4. That the school be paid for all over eighty inmates. This sum to be allowed in our budget.
5. That the budget be increased to take care of a capable clerk to assist the superintendent.
6. That the institution be supplied with a full time psychiatrist to take care of the mentally deficient inmates.
7. That Mr. Patterson, the farmer and general utility man, be supplied with a cottage on the grounds of the institution so as to be on call at all times. That he be supplied with an extra man. That he be loaned plows and tractors for his spring plowing.
8. That the counties be instructed to pay their money to the Board of Managers the same as the city does.
9. That the dental office be properly equipped.
10. That the staff of the Maryland Training School be paid on the same basis as the staff at the Montrose School for Girls. We ask this, as the State exacts from our staff the same type of work as it exacts from the staff of the Montrose School. The members of our staff take the same examination as the Montrose staff.
11. That some provision be made for the travelling expenses of the Board members. One member lives in Prince George's County and one at Annapolis. The Board meets at the institution once a month.
12. To take care of the above recommendations, the Board wishes to recommend the following:

At the present time the money paid to our institution is refunded to the State. This sum represents about 50 per cent of our budget allotment. We ask that this sum be used until at such time as all of the above recommendations have been cared for. Comparing our budget with the Montrose budget you will find that our budget is half the budget allowed the Montrose School, despite the fact that we have nearly as many inmates. The Board wishes to say further that it intends to do everything possible to make a creditable showing and justify their appointment. However, it also wishes to say that it needs the above recommendations to aid them.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Managers
Maryland Training School
for Colored Girls

William H. Wright,
President.

The Board deferred action on the several items with the exception of items 8 and 9, and as to item 8, the Board was of the opinion that payments due from Baltimore City and the Counties for the maintenance of girls in the institution should be made directly to the State Treasury as has been the case up to this time instead of to the Board of Managers of the School, who in turn would remit the payments to the State Treasury. As to item 9, it was decided that the Treasurer of the Board should furnish a bond in the penalty of \$1,000.00 instead of \$10,000.00, as stated in the law.

The Secretary was instructed to advise the Board of Managers of the School accordingly.

The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter from Dr. W. O. McLane, Jr., Secretary of the Miners Hospital Board, in which authority was requested to write off bad debts aggregating \$3,141.71.

The request of the Miners Hospital Board was approved.

The following letter from the Miners Hospital, dated February 26th, 1936, was read and considered -

THE MINERS HOSPITAL

Frostburg, Maryland.

February 26, 1936.

Hon. William S. Gordy, Jr.
State Comptroller,
Annapolis, Md.

Re: Receipts Miners' Hospital
\$1000 U.S. Fourth Liberty Bond.

Dear Sir:-

The Board of Directors of Miners' Hospital requests that your office reinvest the \$1000 carried to our credit in the accounts of your office, which \$1000 represents receipts from the sale of above mentioned bond.

We find, we are able to reinvest this from our balance and wish to do so, holding it for any emergency that may develop in the future.

Very truly yours,

/s/ W. O. McLane, Jr., Sec.

Miners' Hospital Board

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The State Treasurer was authorized to invest the \$1,000. in accordance with request of the Hospital.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board a letter from Frederick K. Detwiller, Carnegie Hall, New York City, in which he offered to the State at a nominal consideration, a painting of the "Washington Walnut", the painting being of a tree under which Washington paid off the Colonial Army after the battle of Stony Point, July, 1779.

The Secretary was instructed to write Mr. Detwiller and ask him to state his proposition for the sale of the painting to the State.

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The following letter from Mrs. Annie E. Ford, widow of Henry Ford, deceased Confederate Veteran, was read and considered -

22 East Preston Street
Baltimore, Md.,
March 5, 1936.

To Mr. Joseph O'C. McCusker,
Chief Deputy,
Office of Comptroller,
Annapolis, Maryland.

My dear Sir:-

My husband, Mr. Henry Ford, a Confederate Veteran, was on your pension list, and received \$40 a month, and I am writing to ask you if there is any way in which this pension could go to me, since his death a few days ago. He was ill over a period of time and required the services of a nurse, as due to a bad heart, I, who am eighty years of age was unable to take care of him. I had saved a little money, but this had to be gone in to give him what he needed in his last days. Now I am in need of funds, and am wholly dependent upon my daughter for support and the salary she gets in her position is very meager. If I cannot be put permanently on the list, could I not be put on the pension list for the time that Mr. Ford was put on it? For reference as to my need of funds and my physical disability and my worthiness, I refer you to Mrs. John Martin Green, President of the Maryland Division, United Daughters of the Confederacy, No. 4, Acton

place, Annapolis, Md. I have known her for a number of years, and she can verify everything that I have said.

Anxiously awaiting your reply,

I am,

Sincerely,

/s/ Annie E. Ford.

Mrs. Henry Ford.

The Secretary was instructed to write Mrs. Ford and advise her that no funds were available for the payment of a pension to her, but that the Board had already authorized the payment of bill for funeral expenses, nursing and medicine out of the amount allotted for the maintenance of Mr. Ford for the rest of the present fiscal year.

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The Secretary brought to the attention of the Board some correspondence from Mr. Louis N. Phipps, Mayor of Annapolis, including a copy of a letter Mr. Phipps had written Senator Ridgely P. Melvin, relative to the lot at the corner of College Avenue and Bladen Street, which Mr. Phipps owns and which he offered to the State at the price of \$9,000.00, which is the amount he had been offered by an oil company.

The Board felt that it had no authority whatever to make any purchase of this property, and that Mr. Phipps should be advised accordingly. It was also suggested that Mr. Phipps might consult Senator Melvin about the matter, and the Secretary was instructed to advise Mr. Phipps accordingly.

The following letter from Mr. E. Lee LeCompte, State Game Warden, dated March 10th, 1936, was read and considered -

CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT
GAME DIVISION

March 10, 1936,

Board of Public Works of Maryland,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Gentlemen:-

Under date of February 20, 1936, Mrs. N.P. Eigelberner of State College, Pennsylvania, who was formerly a resident of Baltimore County, very graciously wrote to the Honorable Harry W. Nice,

Governor of Maryland, offering a tract of land lying in Baltimore County near Summerfield Station gratis, said land to be dedicated to the memory of her father, Mr. John C. Pearce, Sr., deceased, as a game and wildlife sanctuary. Our good Governor turned this matter over to me for investigation.

I have made a thorough investigation of the property and find it contains 33 acres of cut-over woodland. Under date of February 28, Mrs. Eigelberner informed me she had received information that the Baltimore City Water Department was planning erecting another dam for the purpose of storage of water in that section. Under date of March 2 I addressed a letter to the Baltimore City Water Board, requesting information as to whether or not this property would fall within the area which was to be flooded. Under date of March 3, Mr. Leon Small, Water Engineer replied as follows:

"We find this land is below the flow line of the proposed dam on the Gunpowder Falls, crest elevation 280. It is not known when construction work on this dam will be started, but the Advisory Engineers on Water Supply recommended that it should be completed in the next ten years".

Therefore, as it will probably be some years before this area will be flooded, I hereby recommend that your good Board accept Mrs. Eigelberner's gracious gift and we will be very glad to try to establish a wildlife sanctuary on the property, same to be dedicated to Mr. John C. Pearce, Sr., deceased. When you have your next meeting, I will be very glad to appear before your Body regarding this matter.

Yours respectfully,

/s/ E. Lee LeCompte.

State Game Warden.

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The recommendation of the State Game Warden that the Board accept Mrs. Eigelburner's gift was approved.

The following letter dated March 10th, 1936, to the Board of Public Works, from Mr. E. Lee LeCompte, State Game Warden, was duly considered -

CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT
GAME DIVISION

March 10, 1936.

Board of Public Works of Maryland,
Honorable Harry W. Nice, Chairman,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Gentlemen:-

On October 1, 1934, Mr. William S.

Thomas, Attorney at Law, Baltimore City, very kindly offered to deed to the State of Maryland for use of the Game Division of the Conservation Department of Maryland, an area of 260 acres lying in Howard county near Sykesville. I had a number of conferences with Mr. Thomas regarding this matter and made a personal inspection of the land during the spring of 1935; found same to be suitable for a game sanctuary or refuge and so advised Mr. Thomas, who informed me he would execute a Deed, which he has done, and I understand thru his Assistant at his office, that Mr. Thomas is spending quite an extended trip in Florida and probably will not be back before late May, however, before leaving he signed the Deed, copy of which is in the hands of Mr. J. O. McCusker, Secretary of the Board of Public Works.

Mr. Thomas, in offering this property, made certain reservations, therefore, we quote from his letter of October 1, 1934, which was addressed to the Honorable Albert C. Ritchie, Governor of Maryland, who turned same over to me for investigation:

- First: It shall be known as the "Hugg-Thomas Game Preserve."
Second: I shall be permitted to erect two tablets on granite with following inscription:
"Presented by William S. Thomas to the State of Maryland in memory of Margaret V. Hugg, Sue A. Hugg, Barbara Hugg, Marion Hugg, Jacob W. Hugg, John L. Thomas, Azalia H. Thomas, Zaidee T. Thomas, John L. Thomas, Jr."
Third: The State will maintain said munuments and renew same when necessary.
Fourth: The property may be used as a game or forest preserve or for any State or County (with consent of State) purpose.
Fifth: In the event of a reverter the land shall go to the residuary legatee mentioned in the Will of William S. Thomas.

I hereby recommend that your good Board accept Mr. Thomas' very kind offer and as this Deed is granted unto the State of Maryland for the use of the Game Division of the Conservation Department of Maryland, we will be very glad to operate same and co-operate with Mr. Thomas in carrying out his wishes. You will note there is a stipulation in the Deed to the effect that in the event of a reverter the land shall go to the residuary legatee mentioned in the Will of Mr. William S. Thomas, to which I informed Mr. Thomas I had no objection.

When you have your next meeting I will be very glad to appear before your Body regarding this matter.

Yours respectfully,

/s/ E. Lee LeCompte.

State Game Warden.

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After considering the matter the Board was of the opinion that the Attorney General's views as to the restrictions in the deed should be requested, so that the Board might have these views in connection with its consideration of whether to accept Mr. Thomas' offer to convey the property to the State.

The following letter from Doctor Charles J. Carey, Superintendent, Eastern Shore State Hospital, dated January 28th, 1936, was read and considered -

EASTERN SHORE STATE HOSPITAL

January 28, 1936.

Hon. Wm. S. Gordy, Jr.,
Comptroller-State of Maryland,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Dear Sir:

With regards to our conversation of today relative to our heating system at the hospital, I want to say that part of the heating system known as the converters are deteriorating and the tubes of which are breaking down at an increasingly rapid rate. We have already plugged off a number of these tubes and are fearful if this condition continues that it will break down our heating system entirely. When one of these tubes bursts it drains the water from the radiating system and it has to be replaced. This not only involves a good deal of work, but it involves leaving the institution during very cold weather with insufficient heat.

I feel that it is extremely essential that this be properly repaired, and to do so I am informed it will take about \$800.00 to replace these tubes. I consider this absolutely necessary and if not done will be a danger to the health of our people.

We do not have sufficient funds in our regular budget to do this work, and I am asking you if it is possible that the Board of Public Works can find this amount of money with which we can do the necessary work. We have on hand for all repair purposes to equipment about \$800.00 but inasmuch as we spent about \$1,100.00 for ordinary repairs last year, we are afraid to use this entire amount for this particular purpose. Should we use this \$800.00 it would still be necessary that an appropriation be made to take care of our ordinary repairs for the balance of the fiscal year, as our budget is too small to get this amount from other items.

Please advise us at the earliest convenience as to whether this will be possible.

Yours very truly,

/s/ Chas. J. Carey.

Superintendent.

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Mr. Gordy explained that he had taken the liberty of advising Dr. Carey to proceed with the work, and that he felt quite sure the necessary funds to take care of the cost of it would be provided. Mr. Gordy's action in the matter was approved, payment to be made out of the Hospital's Budget for the current fiscal year, and if it is found that the payment for the cost of this work embarrasses the Hospital's Budget, the Board will try to find some funds elsewhere later in the fiscal year.

The following memorandum from Dr. James A. Robertson, Archivist, Hall of Records, was read and considered -

HALL OF RECORDS

Annapolis,
March 24, 1936.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

The facts set forth in previous memoranda sent to the Chairman of the Hall of Records Commission, and discussed by him with two other members of the Commission, are already, doubtless, in possession of the Board of Public Works. With the approval of the Chairman of the Hall of Records Commission, with whom the affairs of the Hall of Records have been discussed by the Archivist, but without action of the whole Commission, the present memorandum is written, in order to bring before the Board of Public Works the view of the archivist.

The Hall of Records began operations with an appropriation of \$15,000, which had been reduced from \$20,000. Inasmuch as the building maintenance staff was taken over, the Board of Public Works, which had previously met the pay of this staff, appropriated the sum of \$3,132 (the amount of such pay) to the Hall of Records for necessary equipment and supplies. On December 4, the Board of Public Works appropriated the sum of \$10,300 to the Hall -- \$5,000, thus restoring the first appropriation of \$20,000, for general expenses (including increased personnel, equipment and supplies, etc.) and \$5,300 for the installation of a steel wire mesh and the purchase of containers for the loose records as they were shelved. The steel wire mesh is to be installed in April, 500 new shelves will be installed at the same time, and the other containers will be contracted for shortly.

The appropriation was admittedly made during a depression period, and the Hall of Records Commission recognizing that fact, was of the opinion that the Hall could "get along" on it, although it was also recognized that actual needs of the Hall would be far in advance of that sum. The later additions mentioned above helped materially, but still fall far short.

The Hall of Records, to function properly, needs certain installations now lacking, an increased personnel, especially for the repairing of manuscripts, and their proper indexing and cataloguing, and including at least two typists.

Additional equipment includes a photostat machine with dark room, and other accessories; a laminating machine for repairing documents after a new and far cheaper method in time and money (developed through the aid of the Bureau of Standards); a fumigating chamber for the fumigating of all records as they are received; about 6,000 additional shelves for the stack; the completion of the top tier of the stack (to cost about \$5,000) -- which will be needed before long as records continue to be transferred to the Hall; necessary rebinding of old volumes and binding of certain types of manuscripts now loose -- this cannot be done in the Hall unless an up-to-date bindery is installed (which is not requested at this time); various kinds of steel filing cases, and various articles of furniture; an electric hot press for preparing photostats for binding; cameras of various kinds for reproducing records -- including the Leica or other special apparatus for making films of records and manuscripts in other institutions or of private families, the beautification of the lawn about the building by putting in the right soil, building materials, fertilizers and lawn seeds -- which can be done for about \$250.00

The salaries paid to the staff of the Hall of Records are too low for the type of work accomplished. Other memoranda which it is believed are in possession of the Board of Public Works, have set forth needs along these lines. The work accomplished in the Hall of Records is of a high type and needs a staff with certain backgrounds, education and instruction. The Archivist is of the opinion that the salaries of

the present staff should be increased, so that no one should receive less than \$1500.00, and from that sum to \$1800.00.

This memorandum is written at this time because it may be that there is more money available now than was the case a while ago. Reference is made especially to the sum of \$60,251.71 received from the "Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works". After other vital contributions have been made from this sum by the Board of Public Works, it is suggested that the Hall of Records could well use the balance remaining to put in force part of the program outlined above, when such expenditures meet the approval and wishes of the Hall of Records Commission. In writing this memorandum, the Archivist has not received instructions to that end from the Hall of Records Commission. He has, however, discussed the matter with the Chairman of the Commission and has his consent to write it.

In closing, the Archivist wishes to state that a conservative estimate of the cost of what he conceives to be necessary for the Hall will run to \$50,000. This is one of the most beautiful buildings in the United States. Its equipment is of the best, and the standard set when the edifice was constructed must be maintained. The building itself will need constant care to keep it beautiful. This is a place for which the people of Maryland can have a justifiable pride. It houses the valuable records -- and will do so increasingly -- of Maryland's history. Many investigators come regularly to the building, and the number of such users of the resources of the Hall is increasing constantly.

It is requested that this memorandum be given consideration by the Board of Public Works. The Archivist reiterates that he has written it without full consent of the Hall of Records Commission, and in the enforced absence of the Chairman of the Hall of Records Commission, but with the latter's consent, although he has not seen the form of it. Tentative estimates have been submitted in other memoranda of the needs mentioned above.

/s/ James A. Robertson.

Archivist.

The Secretary was instructed to advise Doctor Robertson that the Board feels that all requests for funds should come direct from the Commission.

The resolution tendered by Mr. Miles at a previous meeting, relating to Budget Control, was brought up for consideration at this meeting, and after discussion, the resolution was adopted, with the understanding that before it would become operative it should be referred to the Attorney General in accordance with the last paragraph of the resolution for the Attorney General's opinion as to the legality of the provisions of the resolution.

The Secretary was instructed to forward a copy of the resolution to the Attorney General and to ask for his opinion in connection with it as stated in the resolution.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned.

Joseph O'Melusker
Secretary.